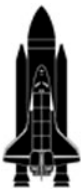


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**Atlantis to fly in June;
Discovery, Columbia
in line for flights
later this year**



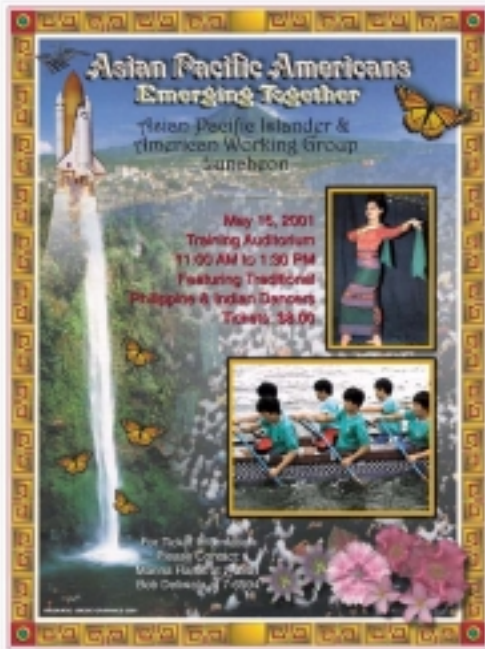
**Plan ahead for
Asian American-
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celebration May 16**



▲ **Orbiter Updates:** **Atlantis**, the next orbiter to be launched (STS-104), is in OPF bay 3. Activity this week included installing Space Shuttle main engines. Currently rollover to the VAB is slated for mid-May. **Discovery**, getting prepared for mission STS-105, is in OPF bay 2. Routine orbiter inspections are on schedule. **Columbia** is in OPF bay 1. The orbiter is undergoing post-maintenance power-up. Columbia's first mission since returning from California for upgrades and maintenance will be a Hubble Servicing mission, STS-109.

▲ **Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders Luncheon:**

The Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) are celebrating the month of May as AAPI Heritage Month, with the theme of "Asian Pacific Americans Emerging Together." At 11 a.m. **Wednesday, May 16**, at the KSC training



Auditorium, the AAPI Working Group is proud to present Sharon Wong, formerly of KSC, who is now the diversity manager at Goddard Space Flight Center. The cultural program includes performances by the Philippine Junior dance group, and *Bharatnatyam*, an Indian classical dance by Geeta Karkera. A luncheon tasting will follow the program at approximately 11:45 a.m., in a tent just outside the Auditorium. The menu consists of egg rolls, spring rolls, pop sticker, fried rice, chicken vegetables, beef and broccoli, and fortune cookies. Luncheon tickets are \$8/person and may be obtained from the following: **HQ:** Kenny Aguilar /Wanda Petty (867-9175 or 867-9165); Marina Harris (867-3801); Mindy Vuong (867-4096) and Janet Keith (867-3420). **O&C:** Rupert Lee (867-1403). **SSPF:** Bob Deliwala (867-6594), and Shirish Patel (867-6112). **OSB:** Shail Parikh (861-4300), and Sudhakar Bhide (861-3995), and **M7-550:** Paula Nosca (867-8765).

◆ **Your Feedback Is Important On Environmental & Energy Awareness Week 2001 (EEAW)** -- The EEAW Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's 2001 Environmental & Energy Awareness Week held April 17-20. It was a great turnout! The Committee would appreciate your feedback on the following questions: 1) What was the best part of the event? 2) What would you like to see for next year? 3) What improvements can we make for next year? Please e-mail your comments to Barbara.Naylor-1@ksc.nasa.gov.

◆ **Did You Know?** The NASA Exchange is sponsoring a Book Fair in April and May. Visit the Cafeterias 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. in the SSPF April 26-27; HQ May 8-9 and MFF May 10-11. There will be children books, best sellers, health and home references, cookbooks, and more! ★

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